

In the Drawings

The Applicant encloses a replacement set of drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(4) and with 37 CFR 1.121(d), labelled "Replacement Sheet" in top margin as required. The Applicant submits that these amendments introduce no new matter.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Detailed Description and the Drawings have been amended to correct several errors in reference numbering that have come to light during the prosecution of related co-pending applications.

In response to the Examiner's further Office Action of March 30, 2005 in the present RCE application, the Applicant respectfully submits the accompanying Amendment to the claims and the below Remarks directed thereto.

Claims 1-3 are currently pending in the present application. In the Amendment:

claim 1 is further amended to recite that the removable inkjet cartridge is refillable and that the cradle body incorporates a retaining arrangement for retaining the inkjet cartridge in the cradle body, with the retaining arrangement configured so as to enable refilling of the inkjet cartridge in the cradle body. Support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 5, lines 10-14, page 23, lines 3-8 and page 25, line 13-page 27, line 5 and in Figs. 1 and 40-42 of the present application; and

claims 2 and 3 are unchanged.

It is respectfully submitted that the above amendments do not add new matter to the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended independent claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by previously cited Silverbrook et al. (USP 6,447,113) in view of newly cited Bailey et al. (USP 6,481,829), for at least the following reasons.

In the present invention the cradle 4 is provided with an retaining arrangement including a hinged latch 7 and springs 190 for operationally retaining the print cartridge 6 in the cradle in a removable manner. Further functionality of the cradle is provided by configuring the retaining arrangement so that access to an ink refill port 8 on the print cartridge is provided for the positioning of ink refill cartridges 160 whilst the print cartridge is being retained by the cradle (see page 5, lines 10-14, page 23, lines 3-8 and page 25, line 13-page 27, line 5 and Figs. 1 and 40-42 of the present application).

Neither Silverbrook nor Bailey teach or suggest such a retaining arrangement. In Silverbrook, the ink cartridge 32 and/or printhead(s) 142,143 are mounted to the printer 10 via a cam lock lever mechanism. However, it is clear that in this arrangement it would not be practical to refill the ink cartridge (see col. 9, lines 7-9 and 45-57; and col. 10, lines 33-45 and Fig. 10 of Silverbrook). In Bailey, the ink jet print cartridges 12 are mounted in the carriage assembly 14/cradle 50 by latch mechanisms 80 and touch pads 138. However, it is clear that in this arrangement it would also not be practical, or even possible, to refill the print cartridges (see col. 3, line 58-col. 5, line 22 and Fig. 4 of Bailey).

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of amended claim 1, and claims 2 and 3 dependent therefrom, is not taught or suggested by Silverbrook or Bailey either taken alone or in combination.

It is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's rejections have been traversed. Accordingly, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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